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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Agricultural Resource Management Study Survey.

This release is sent exclusively to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. Cooperation on the survey was excellent this year. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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William R. Meyer Director

PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES

Farm production expenditures in the West Region totaled 54.6 billion in 2005, up 12.1 percent from the 48.7 billion reported for 2004. In comparison, the United States production expenditures were 223 billion, up 5.3 percent from the revised 2004 total of 212 billion. For the West region, the greatest increase in expenditures occurred in the farm services category which showed a 16 percent increase from 2004.

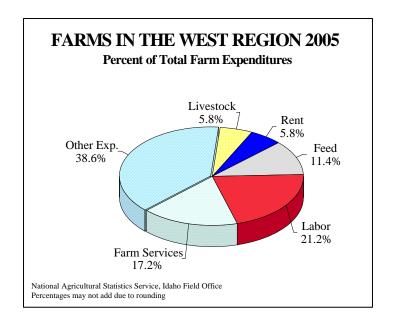
The average expenditures per U.S. farm in 2005 were \$106,499 compared to \$100,498 as revised for 2004. On the average, U.S. farm operations in 2005 spent \$14,034 on farm services, \$13,462 on feed, \$11,361 on labor, \$10,216 for livestock, poultry and related expenses, and \$8,163 on rent. Farmers and ranchers in the West Region accounted for 24.5 percent of the nation's total farm expenditures in 2005.

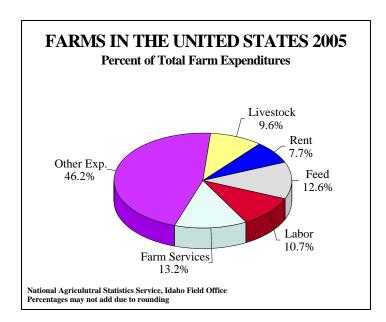
Farm Production Expenditures, West Region and U.S. 2004-2005

Expenditure - Farm Share	West 1/		United States		Average per Farm, 2005	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	West 1/	United States
	Million Dollars		Million Dollars		<u>Dollars</u>	
Livestock Poultry & Related Expenses	2,880	3,180	19,200	21,400	10,984	10,216
Feed	6,140	6,240	29,700	28,200	21,554	13,462
Farm Services	8,080	9,400	26,800	29,400	32,470	14,034
Rent	2,980	3,170	16,600	17,100	10,950	8,163
Agricultural Chemicals	1,780	2,120	8,600	8,900	7,323	4,249
Fertilizer, Lime and Soil Conditioners	1,880	2,300	11,400	12,800	7,945	6,110
Interest	2,020	2,260	8,900	9,700	7,807	4,630
Taxes (Property & Real Estate)	1,300	1,530	7,000	8,000	5,285	3,819
Labor	10,560	11,550	23,300	23,800	39,896	11,361
Fuels	1,610	2,180	8,000	10,100	7,530	4,821
Farm Supplies & Repairs	2,550	3,050	11,600	12,500	10,535	5,967
Farm Improvements & Construction	2,680	2,570	12,600	12,800	8,877	6,110
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	1,180	1,350	8,700	8,500	4,663	4,058
Other Farm Machinery	480	500	4,300	4,100	1,727	1,957
Seeds and Plants	1,630	1,970	9,600	10,400	6,805	4,965
Trucks and Autos	790	1,030	4,800	4,700	3,558	2,244
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	48,660	54,550	211,800	223,100	188,428	106,499

1/ West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY.

FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES MAJOR INPUT ITEMS BY PERCENT OF TOTAL





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